

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
FRIDAY MAY 30, 2003 - 0530 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 118 new fires reported yesterday. Three new large fires were reported, two in Northern California Area and one in Southern Area. Two large fires were contained, one each in Alaska and the Southwest Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Minnesota, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Utah.

**ALASKA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

TOK RIVER, State of Alaska. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Reed) is assigned. The fire is burning in black spruce, tundra, and mixed hardwoods five miles southeast of Tok, AK. Minimal fire activity was observed yesterday. Resources will continue to contain and line spots tying control lines together.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
TOK RIVER	AK	STA	2,960	20	6/4	80	8	0	1	0	284K
REX BRIDGE	AK	STA	1,500	100	---	251	11	5	2	3	241K

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA LARGE FIRES:**

DEL PUERTO, California Department of Forestry-Santa Clara Unit. This fire is burning in grass, brush, and scattered timber fifteen miles west of Patterson, CA. Rapid rates of spread and spotting were observed yesterday due to high winds. Steep terrain and access problems are hampering containment efforts, and presenting safety concerns.

LUHI, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. This fire was started by lava from the Kilauea Volcano. The fire is burning in grass, brush, and rainforest. Extreme fire behavior was observed yesterday due to low relative humidity. Sections of the fire burned out when they reached old lava flows.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
DEL PUERTO	CA	SCU	625	40	UNK	113	8	24	0	0	NR
LUHI	HI	HVP	4,235	40	6/1	42	1	0	4	0	40K

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

SOUR LAKE, Texas Forest Service. The fire is burning in a pine plantation forty miles northwest of Beaumont, TX. Minimal fire behavior was observed yesterday. No further information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
SOUR LAKE	TX	TXS	100	80	UNK	9	0	0	0	0	NR

## SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

GRADUATION, New Mexico State Forestry. This fire is burning in ponderosa pine and grass near the town of Ojo Feliz, NM. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
GRADUATION	NM	N4S	325	90	---	28	1	3	0	0	114K
CIMARRON	AZ	CNF	191	100	---	335	10	10	2	0	NR

CNF = Coronado National Forest

### OUTLOOK:

**Weather Discussion:** High pressure persists over the West. Moisture spreading up from Mexico will bring increasing threat of thunderstorms to Arizona. A disturbance along with scattered thunderstorms will be moving across the Northwest into the Northern Rockies. Dry air continues over northern and central Florida. In Alaska, a high pressure ridge building over the interior to bring warm weather along with increasing thunderstorm activity.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b> Morning low clouds and fog into the coastal valleys, otherwise mostly sunny except becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon with a slight chance of thunderstorms over the mountains and deserts east of Cajon pass and from the Sierra Crest eastward.	70-90 Mountains 80-95 Valleys 90-110 Deserts	15-25% Mountains 25-35% Valleys 10-20% Deserts	SE-SW 10-20 mph.
<b>EASTERN AREA</b> Becoming partly cloudy across Northern MN	63 to 73	28 to 38%	North to northwest wind at 15 to 30 mph
<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA</b> Scattered afternoon thunderstorms, with isolated dry storms in the west. Partly sunny.	65-75 mountains and east, 80s-90s lower elevations in the west.	15%-25% south and west, with 25%-40% north and east.	10-20 mph east-southeast winds, except terrain driven winds in the west.
<b>SOUTHWEST AREA</b> Partly cloudy. Isolated to widely scattered thunderstorms in AZ, northern NM and the TX panhandle.	Upper 70s to 80's mountains, 80s and 90s lower elevations, except 100 to 110 in the AZ deserts.	15-25% west and 8-18% east.	Southeast to southwest mostly 5-15 mph, except becoming northeast 10-15 mph across TX panhandle.



[http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp\\_sixminutes.php](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php)

### **INSTRUCTIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS NOT CLEAR**

Every firefighter will give and receive briefings at some point on the job. Briefings are an effective way to disseminate information that can make the firefighter's job safer and easier. When giving a briefing, it is important to keep the following questions in mind and remain perceptive to how the audience is receiving the information:

- Did they ask questions? Talk about what it is like giving a briefing. Do you get empty stares? What feedback are you looking for to ensure they understand you?
  
- Did they take notes? What kind of information would you like to see people write down?
  
- Did they repeat information back? What other ways can you identify that your briefing is registering?
  
- Did you give all the necessary information? How will you ensure that you covered everything necessary?
  - Task
  - Location
  - Communications
  - Hazards
  - Who, when, etc.
  
- It is also important for the firefighter who is receiving instructions to be mindful of the following during the briefing:
  - Did you really listen? What do you do to make yourself pay attention to everything being said?
  - Did you understand the assignment, location, and the nature and location of hazards? Do you expect to figure it out for yourself when you get out there or do you step forward and ask questions?
  
- To reduce the risks, take the time and get it right!
  
- You must know the location of the assignment and:
  - What is to be done.
  - Who you are to report to and how often to report.
  - When you are expected to complete the assignment.
  - Hazards.
  - Communication plan frequencies.
  - Weather and fire behavior.
  - Status of adjoining forces.

**FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					1,358		1,358
Northwest	FIRES		2					2
	ACRES		2					2
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES	1				11	1	13
	ACRES	1				227	0	228
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5	1			1		7
	ACRES	0	2			0		2
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		7			3	10	20
	ACRES		9			32	3	44
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5					5
	ACRES		20					20
Southwest	FIRES		1			8	11	20
	ACRES		10			19	98	127
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	2	6			3	3	14
	ACRES	0	0			0	8	8
Eastern Area	FIRES	2					17	19
	ACRES	20					69	89
Southern Area	FIRES					9		9
	ACRES					184		184
TOTAL	FIRES	10	22	0	0	44	42	118
	ACRES	21	43	0	0	1,820	178	2,062

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2			2	205	7	216
	ACRES	20			673	10,628	2	11,323
Northwest	FIRES	8	4	1		26	21	60
	ACRES	3	2	1		53	5	64
Northern California	FIRES				4	180	25	209
	ACRES				2,210	39	13	2,262
Southern California	FIRES	3	17	2	2	377	98	499
	ACRES	11	1,274	1	0	348	134	1,768
Northern Rockies	FIRES	438	3	14		82	27	564
	ACRES	2,961	5	690		16,331	1,373	21,360
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		29		2	26	25	82
	ACRES		54		0	348	9	411
Western Great Basin	FIRES		30			6	7	43
	ACRES		36			17	52	105
Southwest	FIRES	174	60	12	3	335	224	808
	ACRES	248	2,849	1,288	1	7,904	7,444	19,734
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	19	51	19	3	61	49	202
	ACRES	150	6	1,584	200	237	488	2,665
Eastern Area	FIRES	810		80	15	7,154	369	8,428
	ACRES	51,470		6,605	685	102,280	5,362	166,402
Southern Area	FIRES	93		11	11	9,457	289	9,861
	ACRES	20,297		2,681	756	140,753	7,992	172,479
TOTAL	FIRES	1,547	194	139	42	17,909	1,141	20,972
	ACRES	75,160	4,226	12,850	4,525	278,938	22,874	398,573

<b>Nine Year Average Fires</b>	<b>35,874</b>
<b>Nine Year Average Acres</b>	<b>789,242</b>

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**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES		2				6	8
	ACRES		80				481	561
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						71	71
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				25			25
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1	5			1	7
	ACRES		18	758			42	818
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES	1				1		2
	ACRES	0				260		260
Southern Area	FIRES			1			5	6
	ACRES			52			4,708	4,760
TOTAL	FIRES	1	3	6	1	1	13	25
	ACRES	0	98	810	25	260	5,302	6,495

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					6		6
	ACRES					1,555		1,555
Northwest	FIRES	25	89	146	5		134	399
	ACRES	3,229	10,696	4,675	88		20,142	38,830
Northern California	FIRES	2	10	99	15		92	218
	ACRES	31	173	15,912	1,283		7,040	24,439
Southern California	FIRES		2	2	2		79	85
	ACRES		27	99	45		9,266	9,437
Northern Rockies	FIRES	11	11	68	3	22	191	306
	ACRES	492	3,808	9,189	510	1,326	11,674	26,999
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	12	3		7	22	45
	ACRES	18	2,566	300		150	5,987	9,021
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIRES	10	37	7	4	2	220	280
	ACRES	3,232	13,004	26,230	4,877	2	27,406	74,751
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	13	59	6	10	70	184
	ACRES	1,718	1,336	9,996	446	132	4,757	18,385
Eastern Area	FIRES	33		270	15	384	180	882
	ACRES	10,720		55,198	1,818	74,505	25,582	167,823
Southern Area	FIRES	52		246	52	11,448	1,095	12,893
	ACRES	15,879		86,374	62,826	706,670	845,519	1,717,268
TOTAL	FIRES	160	175	900	102	11,879	2,084	15,300
	ACRES	35,319	31,710	207,973	71,893	784,340	957,603	2,088,838

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**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				0			0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						2	2
	ACRES						46,015	46,015
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		3					3
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				3			3
	ACRES				550			550
TOTAL	FIRES	0	4	0	4	0	2	10
	ACRES	0	3	0	550	0	46,015	46,568

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**CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:**

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	5	0	202	3,189
Yukon Territory	0	0	15	12
Alberta	4	0	276	1,859
Northwest Territory	0	0	4	8
Saskatchewan	9	209	171	10,457
Manitoba	5	520	362	28,541
Ontario	0	107	279	1,436
Quebec	4	0	281	7,195
Newfoundland	3	16	41	95
New Brunswick	2	1	102	134
Nova Scotia	4	25	156	1,248
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	6	343
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>8,541</b>	<b>1,859</b>	<b>53,741</b>

**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	11	31		5	1	3			41	42
Northwest	2		14	3					27	
Northern California	1	8		24	4				8	15
Southern California	3		7						10	348
Northern Rockies			4							
Eastern Great Basin			1							
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	8	4		14	2				55	16
Rocky Mountain			4		1				8	2
Eastern Area					1				2	
Southern Area										5
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>428</b>

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